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	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
		Claims		NO NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
		Claims	1-12	NO .
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
		Claims		NO NO

2. Citations and explanations

The following documents are cited in the international search report.

Document 1: JP 2002-109291 A (Komatsu Ltd.), 12 April

2002, entire text, all drawings

Document 2: JP 2002-157302 A (Komatsu Ltd.), 31 May

2002, entire text, all drawings

Document 3: JP 2001-351028 A (Hitachi Engineering Co.,

Ltd.), 21 December 2002, entire text, all

drawings

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-12

Document 1 discloses a rental estimation system wherein the model of equipment that is suited to a given work content and/or construction period is selected from a database that stores maintenance management information, the sales and necessary expenses that would be incurred by the use of the model in question are calculated and a rental fee is estimated on the basis of the results therefrom.

Document 2 discloses a feature wherein when procuring equipment, the amount of equipment that is necessary in order to accommodate the work content is calculated, a list of equipment is displayed and the

necessary equipment is selected.

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to combine the invention that is disclosed in document 1 and the invention that is disclosed in document 2; therefore, claims 1-3, 5 and 7-12 do not involve an inventive step.

Claims 4 and 6

Document 3 discloses the feature of setting a rental period for each product and then accepting reservations for the rental products. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to combine the invention that is disclosed in document 1 and the invention that is disclosed in document 3; therefore, claims 4 and 6 do not involve an inventive step.

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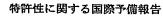
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特許性に関する国際予備報告 (特許協力条約第二章)

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文献1: JP 2002-109291 A(株式会社小松製作所)2002.04.12, 全文,全図文献2: JP 2002-157302 A(株式会社小松製作所)2002.05.31,全文,全図文献3: JP 2001-351028 A(日立エンジニアリング株式会社)2001.12.21,全文,

請求の範囲1-3, 5, 7-12 文献1には、レンタル見積システムにおいて、保守管理情報を記憶したデータベースから作業内容や工事期間に適した機種を選択し、その機種の使用による売上高と必要経費を算出し、これらを基にレンタル料を見積もることが記載されている。 文献2には、機材を調達する際に、作業内容に対応した必要機材を算出して一覧表示し、必要とする機種を選択することが記載されている。 文献1に文献2を組み合わせることは、当業者であれば容易になし得たことであるから、請求の範囲1-3, 5, 7-12は進歩性を有しない。

文献3には、レンタル製品の予約を、製品毎にレンタル期間を設定して受け付けることが記載されており、文献1に文献3を組み合わせることは、当業者にとって 容易である。よって、請求の範囲4,6は進歩性を有しない。